GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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DEMAND OF CNG
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether CNG is in high demand to control pollution in metro cities;

(b) if so, the steps taken to provide CNG on priority;

(c) the total production of CNG annually vis-Ã -vis its demand; and

(d) the steps taken to reduce the gap between supply and demand?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (Shr Santosh Kumar Gangwar)

(a) Yes sir.

(b) At present the supply of CNG is limited to the two cities of Delhi and Mumbai among the metros. 87 stations in Delhi and 24 in Mumbai have already been opened to provide CNG to vehicles

(c) There is no production of CNG. Natural gas is merely compressed to a high pressure for use in vehicles. Total allocation of Natural Gas to Mumbai & Delhi is 1.08MMSCMD, which is greater than present demand.

Keeping in view the future demand of vehicles for CNG, measures are being taken to increase the number of stations and to enhance the compression capacity. Apart from the expected marginal increase in the domestic gas production import of Liquefied Natural Gas is being planned.